THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (c) There are no restriction on the export of poultry products. However, to boost the export of poultry products thrust is being made on ;

(i) infrastructural development

(ii) packaging development

(iii) training and information dissemination

(iv) promotion and publicity

(v) formulation of quality stantards

(d) export of poultry products during 1992-93 and 1993-94 (Apr.—Nov. 93) is given below :

Value : US $

1992-93	1993-94 (Apr.—Nov.)(P)
5934285	2668416

Source : DGCI&S, P : Provisional

Exchange Rate 1992-93 : 1 US$ Rs. 28,963

1993-94 1 US$ Rs. 31.362

Set back, in Exports of Gold Jwellery from NEPZ

1895. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that exports of gold jewellery from Noida Export Processing Zone (NEPZ) have suffered a set back ;

(b) if so, the details of the volume of export and reasons for the set back ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some units in the zone have virtually closed their operations ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) No, Sir. Exports of gem and jewellery from Noida Export Processing Zone during April 1993 to January, 1994 have registered an increase of about 20% as compared to the exports during the corresponding period of previous year.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Only one gem & jewellery unit has been debonded since April, 1993 owing to internal difficulties.

Export of Skimmed Milk Powder

1896. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government is exploring the prospects for the export of skimmed milk powder (SMP) to neighbouring countries ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the country has already obtained some export orders ; and

(d) if so, the names of the countries and volume of orders ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) With effect from 29-9-93 Government has decanalised the export of powder milk (skimmed and full cream), and whole or infant milk food. A quantitative ceiling of 25,000 Mt. has been released for powder milk and infant milk food to the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) which will be allocating quotas and monitoring exports.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

ICC Urging for Comprehensive Policy Package

1897. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the International Chamber of Commerce has urged for a comprehensive